Appointments in the Excise Department — Applications from the Jewish community.

42. **Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received any application from members of the Jewish community of Cochin for minor posts in the Excise Department;

(b) the number appointed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes. (2 in 1109, 2 in 1110 and 4 in 1111).

(b) Two.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— May I know whether the recent orders on communal representation have not been based on population basis?

Mr. President.—Mainly on population basis.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Has any provision been made to accord greater protection to minor minorities?

Mr. President.—It has been done; that aspect has been looked into-for instance, Jews and other minority communities who have a population of ·13 per cent are given 2 per cent.

Male Hospital, Mattancheri — Completion of.

43. **Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the approximate date when the male hospital in Mattancheri will be (a) completed;

(b) when will it be thrown open to the public?

Mr. President.— Dr. Rao is laid up with fever. The answer to the question can be read by the Secretary to Government.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) By the middle of 1112.

(b) As soon as it is completed.

Distance between Medical Institutions— Statistics regarding.

44. **Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the shortest distance between the Irinjalakkuda hospital and the Kattur dispensary;

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(b) the shortest distance between the Trippunittura hospital and Mulanthuruthi hospital?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) Six miles.

(b) Six miles.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Is there any rule pertaining to distance in the matter of location of dispensaries?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—There is no definite rule.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Are there any hospitals and Government dispensaries which are nearer than 6 miles?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—No.

Kuttur Co-operative Society—Mismanagement of.

45. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) (i) whether existing Managing Committee members of the Kuttur (കുറ്റൂർ) Co-operative Society were elected;

(ii) when did they assume office;

(iii) did the ex-committee refuse to hand over management to the new committee;

(iv) was there any litigation as a consequence;

(v) if so, in which court;

(vi) how did it end;

(b) had the ex-committee members granted loans after the expiry of their period of office and disbursed such loans; what was the extent of the loans;

(c) (i) was there any dispute as to the grant of the loans and as to the solvency of the persons to whom the loans were granted;

(ii) did these matters come before the Government; if so, in which form; how was the matter decided;

(d) is the Kuttur Society composed of members whose liabilities are limited?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—(a) (i) Yes.

(ii) As soon as they were elected. Two members of the present committee were elected in the general body meeting held on 30th Mithunam 1110 and three in the general body meeting held on 27th Kanni 1111.

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